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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated October 19, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.